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Report from Scott K. York

Chairman, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

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Message from Chairman Scott K. York



Dear Friends:

The holidays are fast approaching and from my family to yours, please have a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving Day. If you are travelling, please be safe.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute appeared before the Board of Supervisors this past Monday to unveil its plans for its new biomedical research facility in Loudoun County. The new facility, which will break ground in the

Spring, will employ 300 people and meets all of the environmental protections provided for in the Comprehensive Plan. It is a shining example of a facility that we desire to attract for our home County.

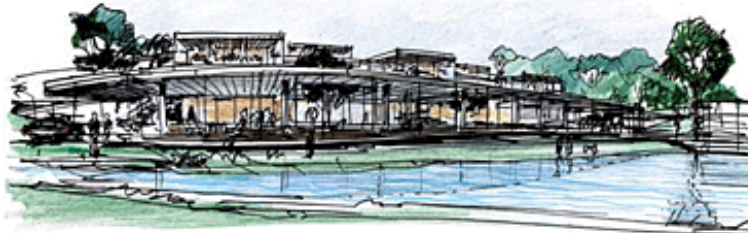


As always, I look forward to hearing from you regarding your thoughts and suggestions.

Scott K. York
Chairman

Howard Hughes Medical Institute Calls Loudoun Home New Facility Unveiled

Representatives of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) appeared before the Board of Supervisors last week to outline their plans for a major biomedical research facility at Janelia Farm in Ashburn. The \$425 million facility, which complies with the environmental and open space protections of the revised Comprehensive Plan, will be 750,000 square feet and home to 300 permanent employees. In fact, it was the



uniqueness of the site that interested HHMI in locating in Loudoun County.

HHMI sees great potential in working with the high-tech community in Loudoun County and Northern Virginia as discoveries made at HHMI are advanced. Janelia Farm will be recognized as a world leader in research.

A groundbreaking will occur in the Spring.

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Board Approves IDA Bonds for Howard Hughes Facility

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has unanimously approved the issuance of up to \$550 million in Industrial Development Revenue Bonds for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Janelia Farm Research Campus.

The bonds will be used to pay for the financing or re-financing of all or part of the costs incurred in connection with the acquisition and development of the new research and training center located in Ashburn. Neither the county nor the IDA will have financial responsibility for the bonds, which are to be paid solely from revenues received from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.



The Howard Hughes Medical Institute plans to build a state-of-the-art biomedical research facility on the 281-acre Janelia Farm site, where specialists such as chemists, physicists, and computer scientists will be brought together to collaborate with biologists on biomedical research. The complex will include about 750,000 square feet of new offices and labs, residential accommodations, and supportive service facilities.

The Board's action follows last month's recommended approval of the issuance of the bonds by the Loudoun County Industrial Development Authority (IDA).

Economic Development Commission Presents Education Leadership Awards



Chairman York (center) joins with Bonnie Wolfe, Economic Development Commission member, and Michele Spires, Chair of the EDC's Education and Workforce Committee, with award winners Anne Brooks, Principal of the Park View High School and Fred Flemming, Loudoun County School Board Member - Leesburg District.



Chairman York meets with the Honorable William Leiding, Assistant Secretary for Management in the U.S. Department of Education to discuss education matters. Secretary Leiding was the guest speaker at the EDC's awards ceremony.